12/24/70

Dear Lou,

Merry Xmas!

Suddenly I find myself writing many letters to N.O. in one week. But each is for a different purpose.

I wrote Moo this morning after getting a batch of suppressed documents I've been fighting for for a long time. I hadn't then read them. My purpose was to inquire about your interest.

You may remember that I had exhausted all necessary "administrative remedies" and (to government knowledge) was preparing to file suit for withheld Ferrie material. I drafted the Complaint and was awaiting receipt of the NOPD Intelligence Unit and vice reports that Moo had finally promised. But, by the time I recognized, what with not getting them and his always being out when I phoned and never returning a call, that this was not going to happen, I was ill preoccupied with other (successful) litigation, deep in a book that will be coming out next year, and just couldn't get back to revising the Complaint. But I kept pressing for this and other N.O. material. What I have just gotten is far from all, but it is enough to be certain on several points.

First of all, if O'Sullivan levelled with you, as you said you believed, you did not level with me, which I do not believe. These reports prove that he not only <u>knew</u> Oswald was in the CAP but is the one who recruited him, among other things.

They also prove that Jack Martin was <u>not</u> the source of the first connection between Ferrie and Oswald. Kohlman may have thought so, but it wasn't the case. Furthermore, the IU file should show that O'Sullivan may have been. In any event, before Martin did anything, something else you never told me, hence I presume you (all) didn't know, did happen, and this may bear on whether or not Wray Gill levelled with you. He knew, he told Martens, Martens told Ferrie by phone - all before Jack Martin called Kohlman. Gill spoke to Martens midday 11/24/63.

This stuff confirms essential points of what Pena told me that was not believed down there. You people made a bad mistake with him, compounded by whoever did what to turn him off on me (he wants me to come down again, saying he will tell me what he held back). It provides another Ferrie-CIA link, and a few other things I've not time for now. I'm writing you Xmas evem right before company is due to arrive, only so that you can have this information with which to appraise those you have trusted. Perhaps your trust is still warranted. Not having what was promised me and never given, I can not give you a really definitive answer. However, on one point I am without doubt: O'Sullivan perjured himself before the Warren Commission.

These things I intend to be between you and me, let us say for old times' sake. If they mean anything to you, ok. If not, I've wasted a few minutes. I've done enough of that not to begrudge this small addition.

When I can, I'll be going over this stuff with more care. N.O. has not been in the front of my mind for some time and my recollections are not as clear as they could be on some aspects. I'll still press, including by suit, if necessary, for what I know is still withheld from me. Mitchell and I are getting to be kinda pen pals! I just got a long letter from him on two N.O. matters - the fingerprint on the Wasp pamphlet and Ronnie Caire. He now claims that they didn't interview Caire for the Warren Commission and at that time, which I believe. But they sure as hell did it in connection with your investigation, and Ronnie never did understand why, as I know from my own sources.

Best regards,